

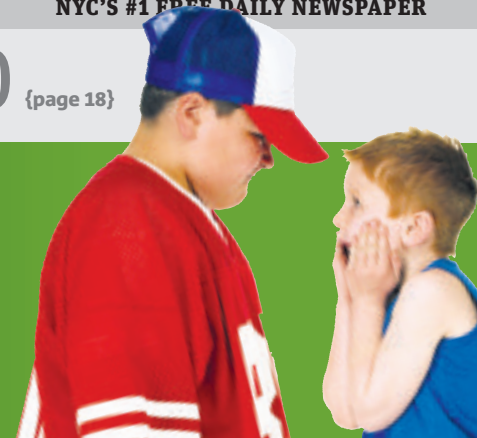
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## Your ticket to grading the NYPD

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# Questions mount about NYPD firearms training after shooting death

- ▶ Polanco's death is one of several fatal shootings by cops this year
- ▶ Demands for NYPD officers to get more firearms training have begun
- ▶ Critics say cops aren't equipped to deal with certain deadly situations



▶ Advocates for the mentally ill say the NYPD lacks an effective policy for dealing with someone who is mentally ill.

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## In the news

### \$800K of meth seized in Westchester

The biggest drug bust in New York state history happened on Sunday, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration. Federal agents seized 50 pounds of meth from a boardinghouse on Church Street in New Rochelle, N.Y. The DEA told the New York Post that two people have been taken into custody in connection with the bust.

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## In the news



### Lohan 'assaultant' says charges dropped

Former congressional aide Christian LaBella is reportedly "thrilled" Lindsey Lohan has dropped charges against him, according to TMZ. The charges stemmed from an incident at the W hotel in September over his cell phone. ✱ METRO/DT

The NYPD is once again under a microscope for whether or not they are adequately trained on the use of their guns as unanswered questions persist in the death of Noel Polanco, who was shot by a detective during a traffic stop last week.

The 23-year-old Army National Guardsman suffered a single fatal gunshot on Oct. 4 from NYPD detective Hassan Hamdy, who later said he thought Polanco was reaching for a weapon. There were no guns found in Polanco's car.

Hamdy is part of the NYPD's Emergency Services Unit, a highly skilled group of officers who endure elite training.

Polanco's death comes after a spate of headline-grabbing incidents where NYPD officers fired fatal shots, sometimes

### "Do you really want to turn a department into a place where you make shooting a big issue and turn them into Marine snipers?"

O'DONNELL

against unarmed people. Ramarley Graham, 18, was shot and killed after officers followed him into his Bronx home in February.

According to the NYPD, officers are "requalified" in their firearms twice a year, though officials would not disclose what the training entails.

"They could definitely use more hands-on training and I think most cops would agree," Eugene O'Donnell, a former NYC police officer and prosecutor, told Metro. "The problem is [that] it's expensive, and the agency is so big."

Although O'Donnell said the NYPD has more to learn on how to diagnose situations, he warned that an overemphasis on firearms training could have a reverse effect.

"There is a danger if you get so into firearms and tactics, it could become a different department and that could be a bad thing," O'Donnell cautioned. "Do you really want to turn a department into a place where you make shooting a big issue and turn them into Marine snipers?"

### Quoted: Former cop

**"No matter how well they are trained, it is hard to train people for all various bizarre scenarios that cops encounter."**

EUGENE O'DONNELL

### Quoted: Advocate

**"No training in the world is going to be effective unless there is oversight and accountability from the community."**

LISA ORTEGA

### Quoted: Attorney

**"Cops should protect themselves best they can, but you might want to evaluate whether this is the kind of person who can carry a gun."**

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each year, and advocates like Lisa Ortega of Rights for Imprisoned People with Psychiatric Disabilities insist the NYPD needs more specialized training.

"There is no deescalation process that happens, they go in guns a-blazing," Ortega told Metro.

### Recent fatal

### shootings

### by the NYPD



Noel Polanco, 23, was shot and killed by NYPD detective Hassan Hamdy after he was pulled over for erratic driving along the Grand Central Parkway on Oct. 4. Hamdy said he thought Polanco was reaching for a weapon, but no guns were found in his car. There was a power drill on the floor near his seat.

▶ Eleven people were shot in August when a man shot and killed a former coworker outside the Empire State Building. Police officers fired 16 shots in the tourist-heavy area, and the shooter was killed while nine bystanders were injured by police bullets.

▶ That same month, officers fired 12 shots at Darrius Kennedy, who was wielding a knife as he walked backwards down Seventh Avenue off Times Square. He died after being hit seven times while onlookers took video.

▶ An officer shot Ramarley Graham, 18, inside his apartment in the Bronx in February after other officers reportedly thought he had a gun. No weapon was found. The officers were criticized for following Graham into his apartment, where he was shot in his bathroom.

▶ An officer shot and killed a man wielding a knife inside a building on West 124th Street in September. Cops said that they shot Mohamed Bah, 28, after trying to stun him with a stun gun two times and firing rubber bullets.

▶ In June, a detective shot and killed a woman in Brooklyn after she ran a red light. The woman, 23, was driving erratically, according to the NYPD, and crashed after running two red lights. The officer who approached struggled with the woman and his gun fired, killing her.

### Calls for better handling of mentally ill people

The NYPD's handling of situations involving emotionally disturbed people has long been a point of contention.

In August, officers shot Darrius Kennedy 12 times after he

lunged at police with a knife in Times Square.

While it's unclear whether Kennedy was in fact mentally ill, Mayor Michael Bloomberg later said, "Taking a knife and going after other people, particularly police officers, isn't something that a sane person would do."

"After all these years, they don't have an effective policy on how to deal with someone who is mentally ill," Attorney Kenneth Ramseur said. "If someone is mentally unstable, they are going to be killed."

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# Parking ticket? Nope, a

► Fake parking tickets turn up on cars around the city, offering a survey on the NYPD ► Street art collective aims to give voice to citizens' frustrations with police ► Write a haiku or suggestions for the police

What you might think is yet another parking ticket is actually a way to give your feedback on the city's police force.

While many have criticized NYPD tactics, including the stop-and-frisk program and recent police shootings, a three-person street art team called Concerned New Yorkers is taking things into its own hands — or rather, putting it into the hands, and onto the windshields, of the city's citizens.

Concerned New Yorkers launched a street art campaign last week that places orange envelopes meant to look like parking tickets on cars.

Rather than a ticket, the envelope contains a survey that aims to collect public opinion on the NYPD. The envelopes are prestamped and addressed

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► The surveys appear to be parking tickets.

## Constructive criticism

Kenny Komer, one of the collective's artists, said he sees a lack of accountability — but he maintained that not every officer should be seen as a bad apple. “We didn’t want to do it in a completely negative way,” Komer said. “I generally think most cops are good-natured and want to do good.” Another artist, Adam Wissing agreed, emphasized that they didn’t want the project to be “anti-cop” but rather to foster a dialogue. “There isn’t much room for the public to have a voice in a lot of these issues,” he said.



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# chance to survey police

to a P.O. Box where the team will collect them to put them up on a website. So far they have received 23, they said.

They plan to deliver the surveys to Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office at City Hall.

The decision to make the project about the NYPD came after Komer said he was stopped and frisked at a subway station in Brooklyn.

The experience made him



**"A few people got very upset, even when we explained it was just an art project. ... It's a gut reaction to that dreaded colored piece of paper."**

COLLECTIVE ARTIST BORIS RASIN

feel harassed, he said, prompting thought about how to deliver that feedback to the NYPD.

"To file a complaint against them, who do you go to?" he said.

They said they want people to channel the initial frustration of a ticket into an opportunity to share experiences.



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## Art with

## a purpose

Concerned New Yorkers have created projects in the past.

► **October 2009:** CNY launched its first project, "Burns for Mayor" in response to Mayor Michael Bloomberg's push for a third term. Posters around the city depicted Mr. Burns from "The

Simpsons" in the same colors and style as Shepard Fairey's "Hope" posters, with the slogan "No Third Terms, Vote for Burns."

► **March 2010:** CNY again turns to posters to criticize the New Museum's "Skin Fruit" exhibit curated by Jeff Koons and featuring only art from the collection of Dakis Joannou, a museum trustee. The posters featured the New Museum covered in the pat-

tern Koons put on a custom-made yacht for the same trustee, under the heading "Anti-Establishment," with the word "anti" crossed out.

► **September 2010:** CNY did its first interactive campaign the week of Sept. 11, putting up 8-by-11 stickers around the city, from lampposts to bar bathrooms, inviting people to give their opinion regarding Park 51, the controversial proposed Islamic cultural

center that was going to be built near Ground Zero.

► **October 2011:** CNY takes its trajectory from posters and stickers to tearaway flyers for "I Call NY." The flyers invited people to call a number and recount their favorite place in the city. The artists pinpointed each place on a map on their website, and viewers could click on the specific spots to hear the voicemail describing it.



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# Family split over daughter's last wishes

A family is still in emotional limbo after their daughter won a legal battle about her right to die.

Grace Sung Eun Lee, 28, a New York City woman who was training for the New York City marathon just a year ago, now has a cancerous brain tumor — and her doctors say that she has just months to live.

Her family wants her to fight to stay alive, but her doctors say that she asked to be taken off the respirator.

This weekend, her lawyer said she chose to stay on it for now.

Her parents, who are Korean immigrants, have told reporters that they think the decision would be suicide and not in line with their religious beliefs.

Her parents filed a court order last week to try to be assigned as guardians of Lee and potentially bar any chance of taking away the respirator.

They have said that their daughter, a former bank manager, is depressed and ill and not thinking clearly.

Judges ruled last week to vacate a temporary restraining order that had been in place, freeing Lee to make her own choices.

Her attorney told the New York Post that she had made

### Hospital vows

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The hospital declined to specifically discuss Lee's case, but released the following statement.

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to the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatments seriously. These decisions require

thoughtful conversations between the medical staff and the patient. This ensures that the patients' treatment preferences are understood and followed. In all end-of-life situations, the hospital honors patient wishes, whatever they may be."

the decision herself to stay on the respirator and wanted to "make peace with her parents."



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► Miss USA Olivia Culpo celebrated Italian-American heritage.

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## Celebrating Italian-American heritage along Fifth Avenue

Miss USA 2012 Olivia Culpo, who hails from Rhode Island, was in Manhattan yesterday for the 68th annual Columbus Day. The parade maneuvered down Fifth Avenue and included parade attendees dressed as Christopher Columbus. Officials attending included Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Governor Andrew Cuomo. The annual Italian-American parade is billed as the world's largest celebration of Italian-American heritage and features more than 35,000 participants. ● METRO

## News in brief

### Cops search for home-invasion suspect in Bronx

BRONX. Cops are looking for three people wanted for robbing a man in the Bronx near Yankee Stadium. According to police, around 6:15 p.m. Oct. 2, two Hispanic men in their 20s forced their way into an apartment. Police say that a female, 19, first knocked on the door, and when a man opened the door the two men

forced their way in. They then tied the victim, 60, up by his hands and then took cash before fleeing. Cops described the female as Hispanic and 19 and the men as Hispanic in their 20s. ● METRO/AB

### DeBlasio repeats call to collect better parks crime data

NEW YORK. Public Advocate Bill de Blasio once again called on the NYPD and the Parks Department to improve their methods of collecting data on crimes that occur in city parks. His call came on the



► Bill de Blasio

heels of the fifth alleged rape in city parks in a little over a month. "Ending this latest wave of attacks begins with getting real data on crime in

our parks system, information we still don't have on most parks," de Blasio said. ● METRO/DT

### Four killed in crash

MALVERNE, N.Y. Four teenagers were killed Monday in a traffic accident in Long Island. According to officials, the car was on the Southern State Parkway when it veered off the highway and into nearby trees in Malverne, N.Y. The driver, who had a learner's permit, survived, according to the Daily News. Photos from the scene showed a mangled car amid trees. ● METRO/AB



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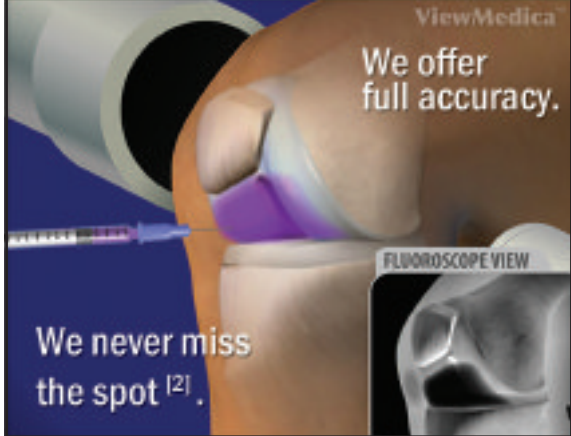
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A skydiver will attempt to set two new records during a 120,000-foot drop today. The Red Bull Stratos mission would not only break a 52-year record for "highest altitude jump," but Felix Baumgartner could also become the first to break the sound barrier without propulsion. ● METRO

# Man suspected in Holloway case fathers child in prison

Joran van der Sloot, the main suspect in the 2005 disappearance of American teenager Natalee Holloway in Aruba, got a woman pregnant during an unsupervised visit, according to the Associated Press.

Van der Sloot, who is currently serving a 28-year prison sentence in Lima for killing a 21-year-old Peruvian woman, reportedly impregnated a woman identified as Leidy Figueroa Uceda during a conjugal visit a few months ago, the Associated Press reported yesterday.

The Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf first reported the news and said in a story printed yesterday that Van der Sloot confirmed the pregnancy over the phone, saying "a test has proved" it.

Van der Sloot's attorney Maximo Altez, told AP that Figueroa "is registered as a conjugal visitor of Joran. She is

registered in the visitors books of the Piedras Gordas prison in Lima."

He denied, however, that he had told the newspaper he could confirm the pregnancy.

"I told them I didn't know anything in that respect," he said to the AP.

Last year, the Peruvian media identified Figueroa as Van der Sloot's girlfriend and said they had conceived a son together, but she denied it, according to the AP.

Van der Sloot reportedly told De Telegraaf that Figueroa had forgotten to take her birth control pill and she would not have an abortion because she is Catholic.

He said he didn't have DNA proof that the child is his, but he believes it to be.

Peru has stated it will extradite van der Sloot to face charges in the Holloway case after his prison term. ● METRO

## Van der Sloot

### timeline

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► Van der Sloot earlier this year

► Van der Sloot pleaded guilty in January 2012 to strangling Stephany Flores, 21, of Peru, in a hotel room after he met

her in a Lima casino in May 2010.

- He has said he killed Flores after she saw material on his laptop about the unsolved disappearance of Natalee Holloway.
- Holloway, an American teenager, disappeared in May 2005 in Aruba. She was last seen with Van der Sloot and two other men.
- Van der Sloot said in a 2008 video he disposed of the body of Holloway on Aruba but later denied he had anything to do with the disappearance of the 18-year-old.
- The Dutchman has been charged in the U.S. with wire fraud and extortion for allegedly soliciting money in 2010 on promises he would reveal the location of Holloway's remains in Aruba and circumstances of her death. **BLOOMBERG**

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# Congress: Top Chinese telecoms should be banned

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► Mobile devices are displayed on a ZTE sales counter in Wuhan, central China's Hubei province, yesterday.

China's top telecoms gear-makers should be shut out of the U.S. market as potential Chinese state influence on them poses a security threat, the U.S. House of Representatives' Intelligence Committee said in a draft of a report to be released yesterday.

U.S. intelligence must stay focused on efforts by Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd. and ZTE Corp. to expand in the United States and tell the private sector as much as possible about the purported espionage threat, the panel leaders said, based on their 11-month in-

## What they make

► Employee-owned and unlisted Huawei is the world's second-biggest maker of routers, switches and telecom equipment by revenue after Sweden's Ericsson. ZTE ranks fifth. In the global mobile phone sector, ZTE is fourth and Huawei sixth.

vestigation of the two firms.

Huawei generated around 4 percent of its group sales from the United States, while ZTE's

U.S. revenues made up 2-3 percent of its overall figure. The bulk of both companies' U.S. sales comes from selling handsets through U.S. carriers such as Verizon, Sprint and T-Mobile USA.

"The impact will be quite limited if the report is referring just to telecoms equipment, but it's another story if handsets are included as well," said Huang Leping, an analyst at Nomura Securities. "Huawei and ZTE handsets have been consistently gaining market share in the United States." **REUTERS**

## Metro photo challenge



► "Birds of a feather" is by Sonia Chin of Brooklyn.

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## In the news

### Chavez revels in convincing election win

**CARACAS.** Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez yesterday pledged to deepen his socialist revolution after an election victory Sunday that could extend his divisive leadership of the OPEC nation to two decades. The new six-year term clears the way for Chavez to consolidate state control over Venezuela's economy, possibly with more nationalizations, and continue his support for left-wing allies in Latin America. **REUTERS**

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## WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's bail guarantors ordered to pay

Nine people who put up bail for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, including two members of the British aristocracy and a Nobel Prize winner, were ordered to pay 93,000 pounds (\$150,000) yesterday after Assange took refuge in Ecuador's embassy.

The guarantors — who include Nobel Prize-winning biologist John Sulston — are liable for part of the 140,000



pound bail fee they pledged, Westminster Magistrate's Court ruled. Assange, whose

whistleblowing website angered the United States by releasing thousands of U.S. diplomatic cables, was arrested in December 2010 on an extradition warrant from Sweden, where he is wanted for questioning over allegations of rape and sexual assault made by two women.

He denies wrongdoing and says he fears that if he is extradited to Sweden he could be transferred to the United States, where he could face criminal charges punishable by death.

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# \$150K

The amount nine people, who put up bail for Julian Assange, were ordered to pay

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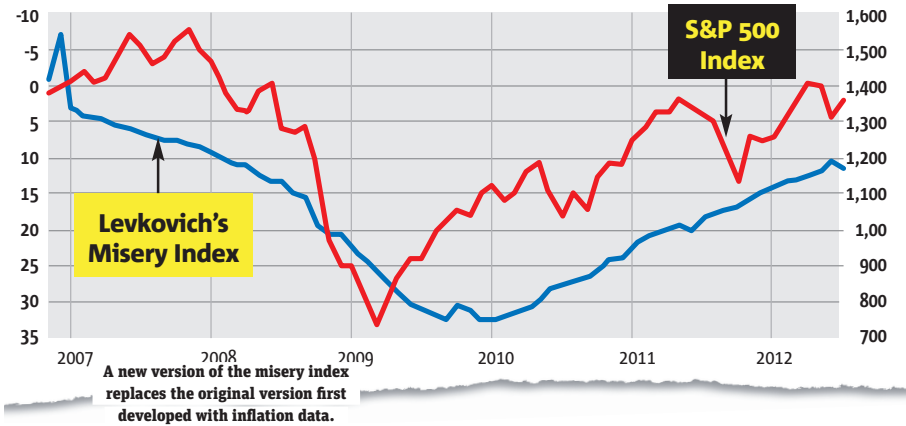
They were given until Nov. 6 to pay the what they owe

# Food stamps give look at nation's misery level

The number of food-stamp recipients may provide more insight into Americans' economic wellbeing than the rate of inflation, according to Tobias Levkovich, Citigroup Inc.'s chief U.S. equity strategist.

The chart shows a new version of the misery index, developed by economist Arthur Okun in the 1970s, that Levkovich created. The gauge is inverted to ease comparisons with the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, which also appears.

Levkovich's version couples the jobless rate with the year-to-year percentage changes in the number of people using the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly the Food Stamp Program, instead of the consumer-price data that Okun included. The strategist unveiled his index in a report two days ago, which said its trajectory points to higher stock prices.



"The traditional misery index encompassed unemployment and inflation, but the lack of current inflation may make it less relevant," he wrote. Consumer prices rose 1.7 percent for the 12 months ended in August, according to data compiled by the Labor Department.

## The reasoning?

Slower growth in the number of SNAP recipients largely explains why the modified index has declined, the report said. Enrollees rose 3.3 percent

in June from a year ago, according to the Agriculture Department's latest figure. The increase was far below a peak of 23 percent in August 2009, two months after a U.S. recession ended. **BLOOMBERG**

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# US stocks drop on Apple slump as European ministers meet

U.S. stocks retreated, following last week's advance in benchmark indexes, after Apple paced a slump in technology companies and as European finance ministers meet to discuss the region's government debt crisis.

Apple, the world's most valuable company, slumped 2.1 percent and dropped below \$600 billion in market value. Facebook Inc., operator of the world's largest social network, slid 2.4 percent after being downgraded at BTIG LLC. Netflix Inc., the world's largest video-subscription service, advanced 11 percent after the shares were raised at Morgan Stanley.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index decreased 0.4 percent to 1,455.09 at 2:53 p.m. New York time, after gaining 1.4 percent last week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 33.67 points, or 0.3 percent, to 13,576.48. Trading in S&P 500 companies was 27 percent below the 30-day average at this

## Earnings season

Early earnings reports from companies in the S&P 500 are signaling an "ugly" quarter, according to Wells Fargo & Co.'s Gina Martin Adams. Monsanto Co., the world's largest seed company, and Nike Inc., the biggest sporting-goods provider, are among the constituents of the U.S. equity benchmark that have reported declining income, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Analysts project third-quarter earnings will slip 1.7 percent in the first retreat since 2009, the data show.

time of day.

"We're back to dealing with the issues in Europe," Bruce McCain, chief investment strategist at the private-banking unit of KeyCorp in Cleveland, said in a phone in-

## Meeting of finance ministers

European finance ministers met in Luxembourg yesterday to discuss Spain's overhaul effort and closer banking cooperation, while German Chancellor Angela Merkel visits Greece today for the first time since the crisis erupted. The World Bank said policy makers in Asia's emerging economies have room to provide more fiscal stimulus as China's slowdown drags the region's growth to an estimated 11-year low in 2012. **BLOOMBERG**

terview today. His firm oversees \$20 billion. "We're going back to a period where investors become less enthusiastic as they realize the problems of the world have not gone away." **BLOOMBERG**

## Spending cuts no longer yield earnings growth at US companies



► FedEx Corp. cut its annual earnings forecast citing softening demand.

Profit gains earned through job cuts and factory closings in the absence of a global economic recovery are starting to reach their limit. Third-quarter profits and sales for the Standard & Poor's 500 Index probably fell in unison for the first time in three years, according

to analysts' estimates compiled by Bloomberg. Per-share earnings may have dropped 1.7 percent on average after they were little changed in the second quarter. Sales may have slipped 0.6 percent, the data show.

Hewlett-Packard Co., the

# 34%

A Business Roundtable survey last month showed 34 percent of U.S. chief executive officers anticipate they will have fewer domestic employees in the next six months.

world's largest personal-computer maker, already forecast full-year profit that trailed analysts' estimates, FedEx Corp. cut its annual earnings forecast and Intel Corp. projected lower third-quarter sales, with all three citing softening demand. **BLOOMBERG**

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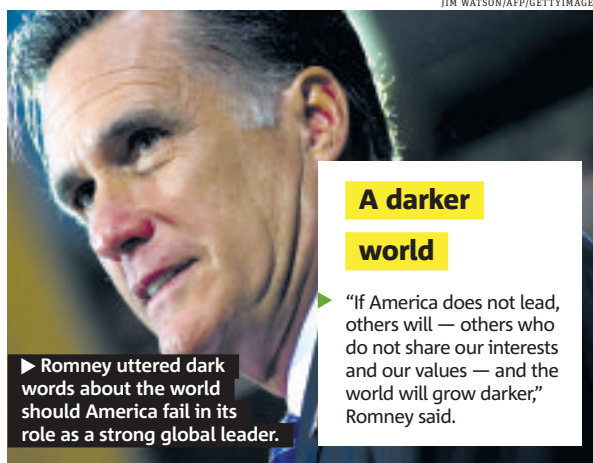


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# Romney strikes forceful foreign policy position

Mitt Romney attacked Barack Obama's foreign policy today, charging the president with endangering U.S. interests by allowing international tensions to fester.

In an address that laid out few new details about what he would do differently, Romney criticized the president's handling of developments in the Middle East and North Africa and his efforts to wind down military involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan. He called for a more muscular assertion of U.S. power in the world and bolstered defense spending, arguing it was the only way to avert future conflicts. **BLOOMBERG**



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## A darker world

► "If America does not lead, others will — others who do not share our interests and our values — and the world will grow darker," Romney said.

► Romney uttered dark words about the world should America fail in its role as a strong global leader.

## Quoted

**"It is our responsibility and the responsibility of our president to use America's great power to shape history — not lead from behind, leaving our destiny to the mercy of events."**

ROMNEY, ON FOREIGN POLICY

## Anyone got a penny?

**Candidates hover closer to tie**

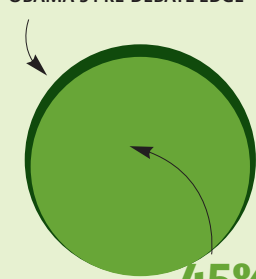
A seven-day, pre- and post-debate average shows a 5 percent-point edge for Obama among registered voters.

In post-debate polling Oct. 4-6, Gallup found 47 percent of registered voters supported each candidate. In the three days before the debate, Obama led Romney, 50 percent to 45 percent. **BLOOMBERG**

## Closing the gap

**50%**

OBAMA'S PRE-DEBATE EDGE



ROMNEY'S PRE-DEBATE SUPPORT **45%**

## Getting his groove back

**Presidents vows to do better**

Obama, at a fundraising concert last night in Los Angeles, poked fun at his lackluster debate showing and vowed to do better. Thanking rock musicians Jon Bon Jovi, Katy Perry and others who "perform flawlessly night after night," Obama told the 6,000 guests: "I can't always say the same." "[Obama] is his harshest critic," said David Axelrod, an Obama campaign strategist. **BLOOMBERG**



**"I'm a big believer in closing the deal. You will see me work as hard as I've ever worked."**

OBAMA

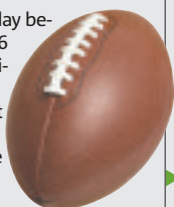
## Influencing Americans

### In the land of sharks and sports

A growing body of research indicates that many Americans vote based on how they're feeling on that particular day — and that if they're happy, it can be good news for incumbents. Voters' feel-

ings can hinge on factors beyond the control of any politician.

► On the Saturday before the Nov. 6 election, President Barack Obama might want to root for Ohio State University's football team when it takes on his home-state University of Illinois. A win by the Buckeyes could boost his chances of carrying Ohio, a crucial battleground



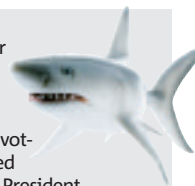
state.

► One group of researchers found that incumbent presidents, senators and governors got an average boost of 1.6 percentage points if the local college football team won shortly before election day.

► Obama can take heart that Florida beachgoers haven't suffered from a spate of shark attacks this year, which could have hurt his prospects there.

► A 2004 study by Bartels and

Christopher Achen of Princeton University found that voters punished incumbent President Woodrow Wilson for a spate of 1916 shark attacks in N.J.



► On the other hand, the brutal drought that has gripped much of the Midwest could make it tougher for the president to win Iowa. Bartels and Achen also found that voters punish incumbent politicians for bad weather. **REUTERS**

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# FACTS? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FACTS?

In 1984, then-Vice President George Bush's press secretary offered the following insight about the nature of televised debates: "You can say anything you want during a debate and 80 million people hear it." If afterward, the press calls you out for lying? "So what? Maybe 200 people read it — or 2,000, or 20,000."

More than 70 million people watched last week's presidential debate — triple the size of the combined audience of the evening news. Indeed: The press can say whatever it wants about the debate, but by then most people have stopped listening.

This is why Mitt Romney's performance last week was so deviously brilliant. He recognized that when speaking directly to such a large audience, the political costs of flip-flopping and lying are simply negated by a careful exploitation of the debate format.

This isn't a problem that can be solved by the other side. Even if Obama had called out Romney's claims, debunked his facts, cited accurate ones and made his own case, all within the allotted time and with the perfect

## Quoted

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amount of charisma, Romney could simply counter in kind, attacking Obama's facts, reinforcing his own and so on. By the end, the audience would be left with two candidates, two sets of facts and no basis on which to choose between them other than who seemed more "presidential."

Only the moderator is capable of solving this problem. After all, there's a reason why the debates are moderated by newscasters and not Jay Leno or Billy Crystal. The moderators are supposed to represent the press, whose job is to translate politics into usable information. They are supposed to be the referees that look at the tape and make the call. When the moderator fails to call out a dubious claim, his or her silence indicates to the audience that the claim is in-bounds.

Until the moderators recognize their pivotal role and find the courage to make the tough calls, it seems likely that these debates will continue to be nothing more than auditions for playing the role of president on TV.

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# Alzheimer's drug slows mental decline: Study

Eli Lilly & Co.'s experimental Alzheimer's treatment slowed memory loss and cognitive decline in early-stage patients by about 30 percent, offering the first evidence that a medication may hamper the course of the ailment, researchers said.

The benefit, though small, supports further research targeting a protein called beta amyloid, said Rachele Doody, chairwoman of Alzheimer's disease research at Baylor College of Medicine who presented the findings today at the American Neurological Association meeting in Boston.

The independent analysis by Doody and colleagues at the University of California, San Diego, supported Lilly's report in August. At that time, Lilly said the drug, solanezumab, slowed mental decline in those with mild Alzheimer's while providing no benefit to more advanced patients. To market the drug, Lilly may need to do another study to confirm the

## Next steps

Lilly hasn't met with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to discuss the next steps for gaining approval of the drug, said Eric Siemers, a senior medical director at Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly & Co. The improvement may not be enough for regulatory clearance, according to Alex Arfaei, an analyst with BMO Capital Markets in New York. "We continue to believe the absolute difference is only nominally statistically significant and indicative of a 'hint of clinical activity,' but not clinically meaningful, and most likely not enough to warrant approval," Arfaei wrote in a note today.

findings, said Maria Carrillo, of medical and scientific relations at the Alzheimer's Association. **BLOOMBERG**

## In the news

### British, Japanese scientists share Nobel Prize

**STOCKHOLM.** Scientists from Britain and Japan shared a Nobel Prize yesterday for the discovery that adult cells can be transformed back into embryo-like stem cells that may one day regrow tissue in



damaged brains, hearts or other organs.

John Gurdon, 79, of the Gurdon Institute and Shinya Yamanaka, 50, of Kyoto University, discovered ways to create tissue that would act

like embryonic cells without a need to collect cells from embryos.

They share the \$1.2 million Nobel Prize for Medicine for work Gurdon began 50 years ago and Yamanaka capped with a 2006 experiment that transformed the field of "regenerative medicine": the search for ways to cure disease by growing healthy tissue. **REUTERS**

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► Gasoline closing in on a record \$5 a gallon prompted Governor Jerry Brown to direct California regulators to relax smog controls so oil refineries could increase supplies.

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## Gas prices stir Brown to relax rules

Regular gasoline in California surged to an average \$4.668 a gallon, an all-time high and 22 percent more than the U.S. average, according to data today from AAA, the nation's largest motoring organization. Some stations were charging as much as \$5.89 in the Big Sur area, according to GasBuddy.com. The California Air Resources Board yesterday granted refineries permission to make an early shift to winter-blend gasoline, typically not sold until after Oct. 31. **BLOOMBERG**

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## THE WORD


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# DeVito and Perlman: Goodbye to a long marriage of two short people

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► The couple in 2002



► And in 1986



## The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Lindsay Lohan speaks in simple truths, Jimmy Kimmel is staying above ground, Mindy Kaling is looking on the bright side, and Steve Martin is displeased with modern life.

**@lindsaylohan**  
Girls Love Shoes!!!

**@jimmykimmel**  
one thing about the sewer - it's jam-packed with super villains

**@mindykaling**  
I accidentally sprayed myself in the face with hair spray but I gotta say, it's a pretty good makeup sealant

**@SteveMartinToGo**  
Electric eye failed on airport urinal. Had to flush it myself. WHAT'S GOING ON WITH MY LIFE?



Besides recounting the latest idiotic exploit of **Lindsay Lohan**, I sometimes feel like celebrities either separating or divorcing is the only thing I write about in The Word.

But none of the breakups I've featured on these pages have been as sad as what I'm about to tell you: After more than 30 years of marriage, **Danny DeVito** and **Rhea Perlman** are separating.

Yesterday, "Entertainment Tonight" broke the news that the similarly statured couple

(he's 5 feet and she's 5 feet 1 inch) had split. And then the unthinkable happened: DeVito's rep confirmed their separation to Us Weekly. The two married in 1982 and have three children together.

But fear not! After some intense "investigative reporting" by yours truly (and by "investigative reporting," I mean I stumbled upon a random GeoCities website listing the heights of famous people), there are other actors Perlman and DeVito can date in order to

retain the adorable factor of tiny actors in love. My findings:

## For Perlman:

- Rick Moranis - 5' 1"
- David Faustino - 5' 3"
- Dudley Moore (RIP) - 5' 3"
- Jason Alexander - 5' 5"

## For DeVito:

- The Olson twins - 5' 1"
- Sissy Spacek - 5' 2"
- Patricia Arquette - 5' 1"
- Kristen Bell - 5' 1"

## Lena Dunham sells book for \$3.5 million

Is there anything **Lena Dunham** can't do? Her HBO show "Girls" is a critical success, she just published an essay in The New Yorker and now the 26-year-old sold a book of essays for a reported \$3.5 million to Random House.

Said a statement from her new publisher: "We're thrilled

to welcome Lena to Random House. Her skill on the page as a writer is remarkable — fresh, wise, so assured. She is that rare literary talent that will only grow from strength to strength and we look forward to helping her build a long career as an author."

In comparison, **Tina Fey's** memoir "Bossypants" reportedly sold for around \$6 million to Little, Brown, in 2008, when Fey was 38.

## Talking points

## Wilde and Sudeikis: It's on!

Things are reportedly getting pretty serious for **Olivia Wilde** and "Saturday Night Live" star **Jason Sudeikis**, her boyfriend of nine months. "They are living together now," a source tells Us Weekly. "Totally inseparable!" Sudeikis has even been ducking out of work to spend time with Wilde, as he did one night last month. "Everyone on the show staff was writing late," a source says. "But Jason managed to



► Wilde, Sudeikis

sneak over to Radio City Music Hall to see **Bon Iver** with Olivia." As for the next big step, marriage is apparently not in the immediate future for either Wilde or Sudeikis, who both ended marriages within the last two years. "They've both been married, so they've already experienced that and know what it entails," the source says. "It's something for down the road."

## Cross and Tamblyn are now husband and wife

"Arrested Development" star **David Cross** married actress **Amber Tamblyn** over the week-



► Cross, Tamblyn

end, his rep confirms to Us Weekly. The news was broken by director **Lance Bangs**, who posted a photo to Instagram of the couple dancing at their reception, with the caption read-

ing, "Yo La Tengo playing Superchunk, Mission of Burma and Pixies covers at David and Amber's wedding." The pair became engaged in August 2011.





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## Pretty girls all in a row

**1** Elizabeth Hurley met fans and signed Estee Lauder products during Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Selfridges in London.

**2** Joss Stone performed at Chicago's Vic Theater on Sunday.

**3** Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, The Duke of Cambridge and Master of the Bench met recipients of the Queen Mother Scholarship, the Diana, Princess of Wales Scholarship at Middle Temple Inn, in London on Monday.

**4** New mom Sienna Miller attended the 20th Hamptons International Film Festival on Sunday in East Hampton, N.Y.

**5** Filmmaker and actress Lena Dunham spoke at "In Conversation: Girl Power" for The New Yorker Festival on Sunday.

**6** Actress/singer Kristin Chenoweth attended The American Humane Association's Hero Dog Awards on Saturday in Beverly Hills, New York City.

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# Taking a break from kids' stuff

► Beloved YA author R.L. Stine has finally penned a book for adults ► But in 'Red Rain,' the bad guys just happen to be two beautiful children ► So ... what is he trying to tell us?

Twitter has been credited with a lot of things: The ousting of Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak, launching book deals ("Sh-t My Dad Says"), recounting what you had for lunch, etc. And here's one more gold star on the micro-blogging site's list of accomplishments: Getting famed young adult author R.L. Stine to pen a book for adults.

"I'm on Twitter all day long," says the engaging "Goosebumps" series author, only half-jokingly. "There are no kids on Twitter, but there are all these 20- and 30-somethings who grew up with 'Goosebumps.'"

These followers — which number around 60,000 — kept asking Stine if they'd ever be able to read something from him that's a bit more age-appropriate. "I

## 20 years of 'Goosebumps'

It's a big year for Stine. Not only is "Red Rain" out but it's also the 20th anniversary of "Goosebumps," one of the bestselling children's series of all-time — with more than 300 million books sold in 32 languages, selling at the rate of 4 million books per month in the mid-1990s.

# 32

Number of languages Stine's 'Goosebumps' series has been translated into since first being published.



### Quoted

**"It's a great way to keep in touch with my original audience."**

STINE, ON WHY HE DECIDED TO FINALLY WRITE A BOOK FOR ADULTS

thought, 'Gee, I have all of these people out there,' says Stein. "And I can't ignore my audience!"

So "Red Rain," a very adult horror book — following orphaned twins adopted by a well-meaning travel author and her family who are unaware that they are evil incarnate — was created.

But what does it mean that Stine, who spent decades writing books for kids, created two monsters who were children?

"I thought people would find it funny," he says with a laugh. "Because I write about so many good children. The kids in 'Goosebumps' are all good, fighting horrible evil. I thought people would find it ironic if I turned it around."



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### TV watch list

#### 'Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog'

**SPECIAL.** The writers strike of '07 created dark days for television. But out of the original programming drought came this Web series by Joss Whedon, which cast Neil Patrick Harris as a supervillain, Nathan Fillion as his nemesis and Felicia Day as the woman they love. The cult-classic receives its TV debut tonight. **9 p.m., The CW**

#### 'Abby's Ultimate Dance Competition'

**REALITY.** Driven stage moms now have extra incentive to bring the crazy behind-the-scenes — in this series, their little performers compete for \$100,000 and a scholarship to the Joffrey Ballet Young Dancers Program. The "Abby" of the show's title, of course, is "Dance Moms" star Abby Lee Miller, who judges. Series premiere, **9 p.m., Lifetime** ● **AMBER RAY**

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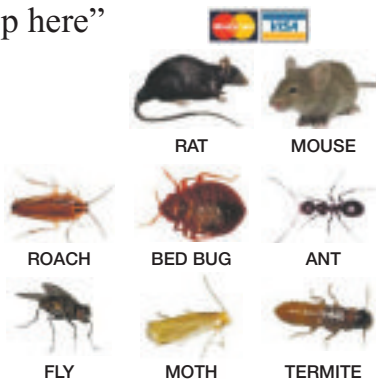


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## New releases

**'Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs: As Retold by Mo Willems'**

Illustrator and author Mo Willems is a favorite of parents everywhere and for good reason: His books are laugh-out-loud funny for parents and extremely engaging for their children — and, let's be honest: Who is more important in this equation? In "Goldilocks," Willems turns the familiar tale on its head. Instead of bears, there are three dinosaurs, Papa Dinosaur, Mama Dinosaur and a Dinosaur who happened to be visiting from Norway ("D f N"). Follow along as these three try to trap an unsupervised, pudding-crazy Goldilocks with very funny results.

● DOROTHY ROBINSON

# Get kids to use their words, not their fists

► Dr. Donna Housman believes the key to bullying prevention in our schools is found in teaching children to understand and manage their own emotions

Emotional intelligence is the ability to identify, assess and control your emotions. This isn't a new term, as theorists have been discussing the topic since the early 1900s. But recently, the phrase has been brought up as a way to curb bullying in children. Dr. Donna Housman, a psychologist and expert in emotional intelligence, believes that if children are able to better control their emotions they will be able to resolve issues in a more productive and civil way.

"How we become aware of our emotions and how we begin to express them and deal with them are critical in terms of life success," she says. "What is really important is helping children from a very early age to start becoming aware of what they're feeling and to help them begin to learn how to express in an appropriate and constructive way what these feelings are."

Those who can't adequately express their feelings can resort to lashing out and bullying, a problem that will affect 13 million children in the U.S. alone this year.



► Children need help in developing awareness, understanding, self-regulation and sensitivity to others.

**"We need to help rechannel what gets so naturally expressed in action into words — because once they can start to express it in words, they're starting to use cognition and thinking."**

DONNA HOUSMAN

In order to prevent bullying, Housman says parents and educators need to help children effectively express their emotions and explore ways to resolve conflict without aggression. "We need to help rechannel what gets so naturally ex-

## It starts at home

Parents need to consider their own feelings and the ways in which they express them to help relay a positive message to their children, Dr. Housman notes.

► "Children learn in the context of a relationship," she says. "They observe, they imitate and they respond to how we respond to them. So it's important for us as adults to be able to become aware of our emotions first."

## Let it all out

Housman believes children should always feel like they can express their feelings, no matter what they are. "Lots of times, unfortunately, children are taught to feel a certain way — so they're taught to repress or hide their feelings. These feelings are there no matter what. ... If they're going to come out, let us have them come out in constructive ways."

OLIVIA MORROW  
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Children's Hospital.

► **Note behavioral changes.** Headaches, irritability, confusion and emotional changes are the most common signs of concussion in kids. Keep your child awake for six to 12 hours post-injury to monitor her.

► **Call your pediatrician** if symptoms persist for more than a few hours. Dr. Hawash suggests that kids who have seen a doctor stay home from

school and activities for a week.

► **Seek emergency care** if your child starts to vomit, loses consciousness, sleeps excessively or exhibits changes in normal behavior.

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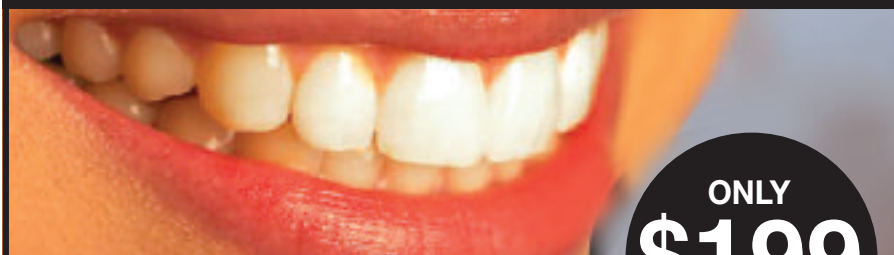


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# New study finds sharp rise in kids' CT scans

► The growing popularity of the procedure has been trailed by concerns over possible cancer risks

Emergency rooms across the U.S. have seen a steep increase in CT scans of kids presenting with bellyache. But the appendicitis rate hasn't budged, new research shows.

The X-ray-based scans offer doctors a high-resolution peek into the body, but their growing popularity has been trailed by concerns about cancer risks down the road.

The findings, out Monday in Pediatrics, show CT scans in children with abdominal pain rose from less than 1 percent to more than 15 percent between 1998 and 2008.

"That is basically saying for every six or seven kids that go

to the ER for bellyache, one is going to get a CT scan," Dr. Jahan Fahimi, who led the new work, told Reuters Health.

It's estimated that getting two or three scans — variously known as CT, CAT or computed tomography scans — can damage cells enough to raise a person's cancer risk, particularly in children.

"I tell my patients that the CAT scan I do today has a chance of causing cancer at some point down the road," said Fahimi. Based on a large national database, Fahimi and his colleagues found the number of children showing up with bellyache at ERs held



► CT scans typically cost between a few and several hundred dollars.

steadily at around 6 percent; the rate of diagnosed appendicitis — the major concern in such cases — fluctuated between 2 and 8 percent without a clear pattern.

The use of other kinds of medical imaging also didn't change. "There is probably some benefit to it, but I don't know if that benefit tracks with the risk." **REUTERS**

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## Where are all the jobs, Romney?

After watching the debates, hearing the fact-checking and reading the opinions, one big elephant will not leave the room. It is that Romney's "job creators" have had their tax breaks for 10 years and evidently not created enough jobs. The corporate interests have had the breaks Romney would continue and even expand. Where are the jobs, Mr. Romney?

PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL

## See, Romney is creating jobs!

RE: "DEBATE PULLS BACK CANDIDATE CURTAINS" (METRO, OCT. 5-7) Letter writer Michael Treacy forgot to tout Mr. Romney's greatest accomplishment of the debate: 27 lies in 38 minutes.

He might sack Big Bird for the sake of trimming 0.012 percent of the budget, but at least those fact-checkers will remain gainfully employed!

KATE LERNER, VIA E-MAIL

## Watch out for those corporate interests — vote Republican

The common people of America are perplexed with campaign ads and political propagandas while we are nearing the final Election Day in November. If you believe that politicians are there to protect the interest and health of middle-class Americans, you are better of believing in Santa Claus. Even Obama does not know details or the implications of "Obamacare," because it's

comprised and compiled by multimillion-dollar insurance companies, worded by the lobbyists. Obamacare involves the greedy interest of few main national organizations such as AARP. Prices of all commodities went up. Our markets are still flooded with foreign goods. Romney has at least 20 years of successful business and political experience, while Obama has few years of "pure politics" experience.

DR. EAPEN DANIEL, VIA E-MAIL

## Politics won't create change; camping on busy sidewalks will

RE: "LET'S NOT PUT THEM IN A ROOM TOGETHER" (METRO, OCT. 3) With all due respect to letter writer Rich Brittle, if you

are looking for a "rogue wing within the Democratic political base," don't look in the direction of the Occupy Movement. Unlike the Tea Party, which Occupy consistently is compared to, while it does have to deal with today's political structure from time to time, it recognizes that we are not going to find, and very seldom have found, the solutions to the problems we face in this society. Unlike the Tea Party, Occupy goes directly to the banks to hold them accountable, not engage in party politics. Should someone emerge from Occupy to engage themselves in party politics, more power to them, but the solutions will not come from that level.

The politicians have shown us that far too many times for us not to notice. You want someone to stimulate and push the Democratic or even Republican party?

Don't look at people who have no faith in either of them.

DARYLE L. JENKINS, VIA E-MAIL

## Horoscope

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you believe your schemes aren't working out as well as they should, it might be best to revise your plan of action in favor of something else that you know will work.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Do a little extra probing, if that's what you believe it takes, to figure out a solution to a problem. You'll be glad that you kept at this particular dilemma.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Be extremely careful that you do not prematurely rush to judgment, especially if you have to make a critical decision. Weigh and balance every facet of the situation.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It's one of those days when it might be wiser to listen to your sentiments than your logic when dealing with some co-workers. Your heart could be smarter than your brain.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Sometimes when we try too hard not to make a mistake, it causes us to make foolish errors. Thus, the smart thing to do is to relax and just do the best that you can.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It is likely to take solid commitment on your part in order to effectively complete something. If you allow outside factors to steer you off course, you'll ac-

complish nothing.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Think for yourself, and don't be afraid to let others know you'll be doing just that. If you don't, you could get caught up in supporting a situation that you find distasteful.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** There are a lot of things you can do yourself instead of paying someone else to do them. However, know your limitations and don't attempt the impossible.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't make winning unduly important when engaged in competitive activities with friends. The focus should be on fun at all times.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Instead of moaning and groaning about a bad hand that you believe has been dealt you, take your mind off yourself and try doing something purely for enjoyment's sake.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't confuse self-doubt with shrewd analysis. The latter is letting a constructive mind do the thinking, while the former invites failure.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Your rewards are likely to be proportionate to what you achieve, unless you fail to get off the ground by listening to a negative associate who discourages you from the start.

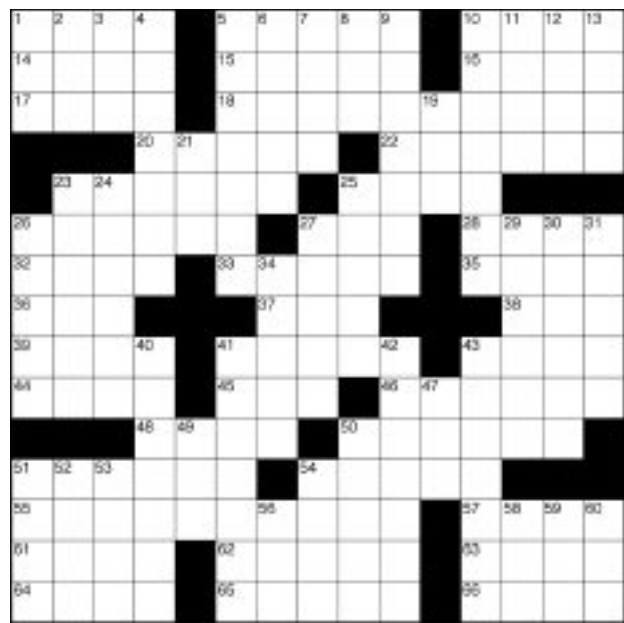
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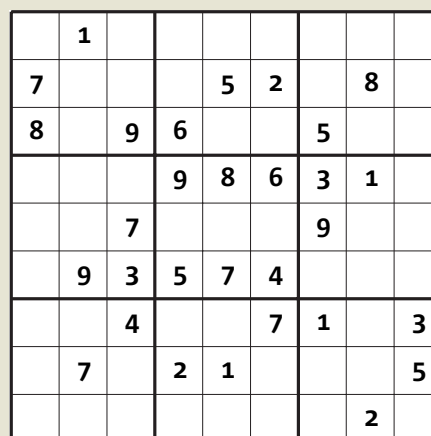
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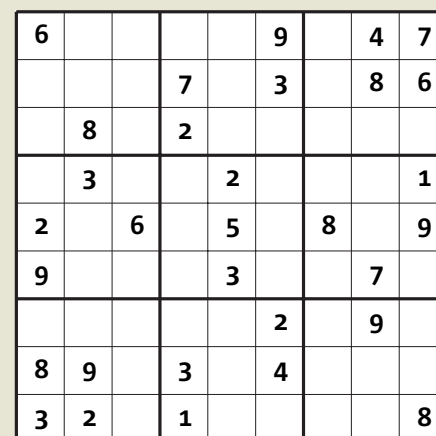
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## In the news

**D-Will on Cuban**

Nets guard Deron Williams confirmed the rumored reason he didn't sign with the Mavericks in the offseason yesterday.

He told the Daily News that Mark Cuban's decision to attend a taping of the ABC show "Shark Tank" instead of meeting with the free agent Williams was a big reason why he passed on signing with Dallas and stayed with the Nets.



► Arian Foster ran all over the Jets' defense last night. He went over 100 yards in a first half for the first time in his career.

# Not close enough

► Jets show fight against heavily favored Texans ► But Sanchez dooms team in end with two interceptions ► Foster with big night for Houston

A representative effort won't get the Jets anywhere in the standings.

The Jets were big underdogs against a 4-0 Texans team and earned the team's respect, but not the win, in a 23-17 loss last night.

Houston opened the game with a quick drive and 34-yard touchdown pass to Owen Daniels, but Mark Sanchez answered with a drive and touchdown of his own to Jeff Cumberland.

After 10 unanswered points

by Houston, the Jets were driving for what would've been a momentum changing score at the end of the half when Sanchez was picked off by Brice McCain inside the 5-yard line. McCain returned the ball all the way to the Jets' 9-yard line with 14 seconds left and the Texans would settle for a field goal to make it 17-7 at the half.

After a Shayne Graham field goal made it 20-7, Joe McKnight kept the Jets in the game with a 100-yard kickoff return for touchdown.

Houston moved the ball at will much of the game, but

bogged down in the red zone repeatedly.

The Jets got the ball back with 3:28 left in the game and a chance to score the go-ahead touchdown. Sanchez rushed to get a play off before the two-minute warning and threw an interception to Kareem Jackson on a tipped pass by Cumberland to effectively end the game.

Sanchez finished the night 14-of-31 for 231 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.



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► Wei-Yin Chen

## Yanks drop Game 2, 0's even series

Yankee fans were hoping Jim Johnson would become the 2012 version of Byung-Hyun Kim by allowing ninth-inning home runs on consecutive nights.

It wasn't to be. Johnson retired the side in the ninth for the save as the Orioles evened the ALDS with a 3-2 victory last night.

Game 3 is tomorrow night at Yankee Stadium. Hiroki Kuroda will make his postseason debut in pinstripes and will be opposed by Miguel Gonzalez, who pitched seven scoreless innings in New York on Aug. 31.

Johnson rebounded from allowing five hits, including Russell Martin's go-ahead home run, a night earlier by retiring the side on 12 pitches. He retired Derek Jeter and Ichiro Suzuki on groundouts before getting Alex Rodriguez to swing and miss on a 96-mph fastball.

The Yankees had opportunities most of the night but rarely came through, going 2-for-8 with runners in scoring position and 4-for-17 with men on base.

Baltimore starter Wei-Yin Chin pitched well in his postseason debut, allowing two runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings as he earned the win.

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# Giants lose Hill to another Adderall suspension

The Giants escaped Sunday's win over the Browns relatively healthy, but that doesn't mean they didn't begin their week with one less player.

Safety Will Hill became the third member of Big Blue to be hit with a suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance enhancing substances.

Hill, who said he "had a feeling trouble was coming" over his use of Adderall, must begin his suspension immediately. He will be eligible to return to the Giants' active roster on Nov. 5 following the team's Nov. 4 game against the Steelers.

Hill said he appealed upon hearing about the failed test,



► Hill, left, forced this crucial fumble by Josh Cribbs on a kick return in the second quarter.

but lost.

"I received a doctor's prescription for Adderall prior to signing with the Giants," Hill said in a statement. "Shortly after signing with the team, I was in a meeting with [Giants' director of player development] Charles Way, who reviewed the list of the league's banned substances. I knew at that point that this may be an issue. ... I was tested and the results came back that Adderall was in my system. I appealed but lost the appeal. I accept full responsibility for this situation, and it won't happen again."

This is the third time this season a Giants' player has been under the microscope

for using Adderall. Running back Andre Brown was hit with a suspension over the summer following his failed test, but won his appeal. Fellow safety Tyler Sash, who will now ironically take Hill's spot on the 53-man roster following his four-game suspension, also lost his appeal.

Hill has played in all five games this season. He was starting to carve out a niche as the team's nickel cornerback and as the third safety.

"The Giants have given me a great opportunity when nobody else would, and I don't take that for granted," he said.

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## Barden OK'd for practice

Ramses Barden passed all his concussion tests and was cleared to resume practice yesterday.

"He was in the meetings today and when I had an opportunity to visit with him, he was bright-eyed and very excited about being back," head coach Tom Coughlin said.

Rueben Randle, who started in his place, had six catches for 82 yards on Sunday. ● **METRO**

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